

# **Needham Youth Services**

## **Youth Commission Meeting Notes**

10/19/2016

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 9/14/2016; October and November Department Report; “A Conversation...” Flyer; “QPR” Flyer; “SOS” Pilot Program Evaluations; Feedback from Parents About Technology Document; Extreme Looks Evaluation Compilation; Extreme Looks Photo Album, and Project VAN Photo Album.

- **Accepted Minutes of 9/14/2016**

- **Guests Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick and Assistant Town Manager Christopher Coleman**

Discussion regarding the proposed changes to the Health and Human Services Department, inclusive of the current Director of Public Health now adding the title of part time Director of Health and Human Services. The current Director of Youth will be given additional work/responsibility and compensation under this new configuration, but no title change will occur for between 12 and 18 months.

- **Program Updates**

- “Wordle” signage at Memorial Park.
- Still working with schools to bring “Screenagers” to Needham.
- Facilitated a training for NPS interns and our intern on “Group Work.”
- Facilitated the “A Conversation...” program on 10/18.
- Attended the Special Town Meeting on 10/5.
- Addressed students at St. Joe’s on 9/16.
- We have been invited to address the guidance staff on 10/26.
- Addressed the PTC leadership regarding future collaborations.
- Will be addressing Pollard students as part of the Students Take Action Day.
- Working on the FY 2018 budget.
- Update on Babysitter Trainings.
- Update on the Youth Resource Network.
- Update on Domestic Violence Action Committee.
- Update on VIP Program.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program.
- Update on Internship Collaborative.
- Update on Clinical Intern Carolyn Tracey.
- Update on new school groups.

- **Old/New Business:**

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update.
- Forde Award Committee Assignments.
- Crisis team at NHS Update.
- Review of Liz’s wedding.
- Board Leadership positions will now be voted upon in June (current Chair and Vice-Chair will continue in their roles until then).

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Jack Cruickshank, Kevin Keane, Susan Patkin
Members Absent:	Vin Springer, Jilliam Smith
Guests:	Kate Fitzpatrick, Christopher Coleman
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, Liz Loveless
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman